

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Kouichiro HARA**

Serial No.: **Not Yet Assigned**

Filed: **August 31, 2001**

For: **ELECTRONIC LOCKER SYSTEM**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: August 31, 2001

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 7 as follows:

7. (Amended) The electronic locker system according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the luggage deposit fee is calculated based upon an actual lapse of time from the depositing process to the taking-out process.